From 2003-04, funds under Swajaldhara are allocated to the States every year as per the Inter-State Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) allocation ratio fixed for the year. The States then make district-wise allocations and consider specific proposals at District Water and Sanitation Committee (DWSC)/State Water and Sanitation Mission (SWSM) level and approve them in conformity with Swajaldhara Guidelines. Details of proposals received and cleared by the DWSC/ SWSM in States are not maintained by Government of India. As per the reports received from State Government, the projects approved by the State in 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 are 157, 285 and 408 respectively.

Mayurbhanj under NREGS

3461. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the biggest district Mayurbhanj is tribal dominated and recommended under "NREGS" has been highly appreciated by the rural poor people;

(b) how many beneficiaries have applied and enrolled and how many of them have been given the job card;

(c) what measures are under way to speed up the process of enumeration as there is acute dearth of logistic support for the same at block level;

(d) whether Central Government has any proposal to speed up the process; and

(e) whether there is any time frame to complete the process?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In Mayurbhanj district of Orissa, 1,93,460 job cards have been issued. 154768 people have demanded employment out of which 1,46,571 people have been provided employment.

(c) and (d) Central Government has permitted the States to provide full time Programme Officer and supporting staff at block level at the cost of

Central Government within the ceiling of administrative expenses prescribed.

(e) NREGA is a demand-driven programme. The Act guarantees 100 days of wage employment to every rural household to do unskilled manual work on demand. Thus, it is a continuous process and no time frame can be fixed for completion of the process.

Strengthening voluntary sectors in areas of rural development

3462. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a national policy to strengthen the voluntary sector especially in areas of rural development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to strengthen the relationship between institutions of local self Governance and voluntary organizations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Upgradation of roads under PMGSY in Karnataka

3463. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has requested for release of assistance for Phase-I and Phase-II of PMGSY for upgradation of roads in various districts of the State; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and Centre's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is under implementation in Karnataka since 2000-01. For Phases I and II, a sum of Rs. 105.64